

North Figueroa Association Board MeetingAnnual Meeting, Tue. Nov. 17, 201510 am,
Future Studio

Called to order: 10:08 am

In attendance (see sign-in sheet)Board members in attendance: Tom Wilson, James Bygrave, John Harb, Alex Rudisky, Amy Inouye, Stuart Rapeport, Titina Folliero, Irene Holguin, Gina Alza, Gustavo Alza, Ruben HerreraBoard members absent: Joy Gibson, Richard Calderon, Tom Majich, Cyrus Etemad

Comments: none

Minutes: not approved, subject to revisions to be made by Gustavo and voted on in Jan. 2016

Presentations & Reports:

Rudy Espinosa (Leadership Urban Renewal Program), reported on the status of L.A. city street vending policy (the city does not currently have one); research is being done still by an economic development committee; Current system is unclear and has no enforcement, experiments such as a special district created at MacArthur Park have failed, mostly due to non-enforcement. LEARN is monitoring and suggesting solutions to the city, along with 60+ organizations; (1) permits with fees; (2) enforcement strategy; (3) education; (4) clear rights for vendors and liability insurance; (5) clean-up strategy; (6) bureau of street services to help? Need strict safety regulations, bathroom regulations, protection of property owners.

Pedro Ramirez, CD1: Housing workshop sponsored by CD1 on Wed. 11/20/15.

SLO Mark Allen: two no-hit shootings on Fig in early Oct; 2 women stabbed in Debs Park believed to be gang-related; perp in custody for stabbing on #81 bus. Property crimes, break-ins, car thefts, homelessness, RVs parked along Fig are ongoing issues. Safety is better recently but everyone needs to be vigilant. If you see something, call Ofcr Allen. Parking restrictions for RVs will be instituted soon. Figueroa footbeat officers are on duty 6 days a week, Mon-Sat from 11am to 9pm. Ofcr Allen says that currently they deal w/ street vendors on the basis of complaints filed; they do patrol and checks w/ health dept. but would rather be dealing w/ crime. Undocumented street vendors need to be arrested & processed, and cause further workload for police.

Chrysalis: Big Bellys to be installed upcoming week. Storm drains have been cleaned in anticipation of El Nino. Three members of Chrysalis team: Oscar Enriquez, Rene Trejo, and Steve Murchison talked about their lives and experience with Chrysalis, which not only maintains the streets in the BID but also provides rehabilitation opportunities for their employees. If you have questions or issues, call Rick Stoff.

General Security: Did a joint training w/ LAPD in April and is working to coordinate more w/ LAPD. The GSS 800# is monitored by a live person except after-hours, when the calls patch thru to the field supervisor. If you have questions or issues, call Sean Cohan. Madhu requests a special meeting to discuss GSS hours. NFA will create a security subcommittee to make recommendations for adding/shifting hours. GSS has submitted an estimate for increased security.

Farmers Market: Christopher Nyerges reports the market is in its 9th year, operated Tuesdays from 3-7pm (it goes to 8pm in the summer); the market has many loyal fans and regular vendors—farmers, prepared food, and crafts vendors.

Board Session:

Big Belly NFA logo signage is out to city for approval. There is a panel on the sides of the Big Bellies that we can brand w/ a logo (but no advertising).

Soofa—vote by show of hands to install in front of CD1 office.

Holiday lighting—only 1 quote came in for \$5600. John Harb proposed creation of a decorating subcommittee to address 2016 holiday decorations and possible repair and re-use of decorations we own (shooting stars, large scale lighted displays). Vote by show of hands to approve the \$5600 to install stars & garlands.

Insurance—Richard Calderon will report on coverage and new policies (we have two—directors & owners, and general liability); needs to be renewed in Jan. Ask him about umbrella policy?

Elections—recent elections conducted per the bylaws that exist. City attorney is reviewing the election; bylaws as to elections will be reviewed in 2016. Proposal to create a bylaws subcommittee to make recommendations for changes.

Packet given to all board members including a code of ethics and statement of confidentiality; please review and be prepared to sign at Jan. meeting.

Proposal to create a subcommittee to propose a district emergency plan of action; work with security, LAPD, and fire dept. Base on earthquake preparedness model.

Eugene Van Cise, city clerk's office, reminded board about Brown Act compliance and the ban on serial meetings. City clerk does not usually get involved in BID elections and complaints, but as the city owns property in the BID, it has the option to vote on behalf of the city.

Lunch catered by El Pescador.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45

Next meeting: Tue. Jan 19, 2016